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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON DAVIGNON

1. YESTERDAY (JULY 11) DAVIGNON, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TOLD ME THAT AT EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 5 - 6 ON THE MARGIN OF THE CSCE MINISTERIAL IN HELSINKI AN QTE INTELLECTUAL BREAKTHROUGH UNQTE ON EC-9/U.S. RELATIONSHIP WAS MADE. THERE WAS A MARKED CHANGE IN THE FRENCH POSITION. FRANCE IS NOW PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITHIN THE NINE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP. THE FRENCH ARE NOW AGREED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A MULTILATERAL PREPARATORY MEETING WITH THE UNITED STATES IF THE NINE WERE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON DEFINITION OF THEIR
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COMMON POSITION. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE IDEA OF QTE ONE

OR SEVERAL JOINT DECLARATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES UNQTE
COULD NOW BE EXAMINED AND APPEARED NO LONGER COMPLETELY
UNACCEPTABLE TO THE FRENCH.

2. THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS NOW PREPARING A LIST OF
QUESTIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE MINISTERS OF THE NINE
MEETING IN POLITICAL CONSULTATION IN COPENHAGEN ON JULY 23
TO TAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS AND TO FORMULATE PROCEDURES.
ACCORDING TO DAVIGNON THIS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
SHOULD RESULT IN THE PREPARATION OF COORDINATED POSITIONS
OF SUBSTANCE ON TWO CATEGORIES OF ITEMS IN DISCUSSION WITH
THE U.S., NAMELY THOSE THAT FALL WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF
THE COMMUNITY, AND THOSE SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, SECURITY,
THAT DO NOT FALL WITHIN COMMUNITY COMPETENCE. DAVIGNON
SKETCHED OUT A PREPARATORY WORK PLAN WHICH WOULD PROVIDE
FOR THREE SEPARATE WORKING GROUPS, NAMELY, THE FIRST
CONCERNED WITH MATTERS FALLING WITHIN THE COMPETENCE
OF THE COMMUNITY; THE SECOND CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL
COOPERATION; AND THE THIRD, COMPOSED OF PERMREPS OF THE
QTE NATO EIGHT UNQTE, CONCERNED WITH SECURITY AFFAIRS.
THIS TRIAD WOULD BE QTE CAPPED UNQTE BY THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS OF THE NINE. DAVIGNON SAID THAT THE EXECUTION
OF THIS SCHEME QTE WILL NOT BE EASY OR CERTAIN BUT IS
NOT UNLIKELY UNQTE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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